Let us Love One Another.

SELECTED BY LAURA O. BROWN.

Let us love one another,—
Not long may we stay:
In this bleak world of mourning
Some while 'tis day.
Others fade in their noon,
And few linger till ere:
Oh! there breaks out a heart
But leaves some one to grieve,
And the foundest, the purest,
The truest that met,
Have still found the need
To forgive and forget!
Then ah! through the hopes
That we nourished decay,
Let us love one another
As long as we stay.

There are hearts like the ivy
Though all be decayed
That it seemed to clasp foundly
In sunlight and shade:
No leaves drooped in sadness,
Till gayly they spread,
Undimmed midst the blighted,
The lonely and dead:
But the mistletoe clings
To the oak, not in part.
But with leaves closely round it—
The root in its heart:
Exists but to twine it,—
Imbibe the same dew,—
Or to fall with its loved oak,
And perish there too.

Thus let us love one another
Midst sorrows the worts
Unaltered and fond,
As we loved at the first;
Though the false wing of pleasure
May change and forsake,
And the bright urn of wealth
Into particles breaks,
There are some sweet affections
That wealth cannot buy,
That cling but still closer
When sorrow draws nigh
And remains with us yet,
Though all else pass away;
Thus let us love one another
As long as we stay.

Altoona, Pa.

The Title of Ashland College.

There has been a great deal of suspicion awakened in the minds of our brethren regarding the legal ownership of Ashland College, and threats have been made that as soon as the obligations outstanding against it were paid, the enemies of the cause of the Brethren would make haste to commence proceedings to take possession of the property. This suspicion has been strengthened by the results of frequent cases of contested church property in which the Brethren were defendants, and were losers.

It has already been shown that it was impossible for the German Baptists to ever take possession of the property of Ashland College, by process of law. The statements made by brethren have not been satisfactory to those interested, and to forever settle this matter, we purpose to publish the legal documents which cover the question, and every one can then judge for himself what the tenure of the German Baptists is to this property.

As an introduction to the legal documents that are to be presented, it might be well to say that the German Baptist church never had anything to do with the College, and it was in no sense a German Baptist institution. In the legal aspect the German Baptists have no more claim upon the College than they have upon the four mountains upon which ancient Jerusalem was built, or the waters of Jordon that never rest from the moment they bubble from the fountains until they enter the bosom of the sea. The building of Ashland College was not authorized by the Annual Meeting, recognized and legal head of the German Baptist church; but on the other hand, the building of such an institution was contrary to the well-known anti educational principles which that Church has made conspicuous for the last half of a century.

The Charter of the College is the first document that comes in order for examination, as that is the legal authority for the existence of a Board of Trustees in which rests the legal ownership and power of management of Ashland College.

The followning is everything that relates to the Charter, which, with the deeds, completely and forever decide the question of the ownership of the College:

APPLICATION OF H. K. MYERS AND OTHERS FOR CORPORATION OF THE ASHLAND COLLEGE, FEB. 20th, 1878, TO W. S. ALBERSON, AUDITOR.

We, the undersigned resident citizens of the County of Ashland and State of Ohio, in order that we may become a body incorporate, do make application therefore, and we set forth the following as the objects for which we desire to become incorporated.

1st. To establish a College in the Incorporated Village of Ashland in the County of Ashland and State of Ohio.

2nd. To collect by subscription and otherwise a fund sufficient to purchase ground, erect buildings and make and perfect all arrangements necessary for said Institution.

3rd. To provide for the education of both sexes.

4th. To provide for the following courses of Education; namely, a Collegiate or Classical course, a Scientific course, a Preparatory course and a course of Normal Instruction.

5th. To raise an endowment fund for the support of teachers and professors.

6th. The name of said institution will be THE ASHLAND COLLEGE.

We make application to the Auditor of the County for a certificate as provided for in Section 15 of the Act relating to corporations.—Swan & Critchfield, Vol. 1, page 270.

H. K. Myers, Austin Moherman, John Shidler, Richard Arnold, William Saddler, I. D. Parker, A. M. Dickey.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF H. K. MYERS AND OTHERS FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE ASHLAND COLLEGE:

Upon application made this 20th day of Feb., 1878 by H. K. Myers, Austin Moherman, John Shidler, Richard Arnold, William Saddler, I. D. Parker and A. M. Dickey, to become incorporated under the name of The Ashland College and for the purpose expressed in such application, and the persons above named being resident free holders of the County of Ashland, I, the Auditor of said County, do select M. H. Mansfield, J. O. Jennings and R. D. Freer, judicious disinterested frechold ers of said county of Ashland, to make a schedule, and upon actual view, to appraise the true value in money of all such goods, chattels, lands and tenements, choses in action, rights, credits and subscription as the above named applicants shall exhibit to said appraisers, and to return such schedule with their appraisement and the certificate of the officer administering the oath to them, to their office, and hereof they shall not fail.

Ashland, Feb. 20th, 1878.

W. S. ALBERSON,
Co. Auditor.

State of Ohio, }
Ashland County. }

Personally appeared before the undersigned, a Notary Public, for the County of Ashland and State of Ohio, who, being first duly sworn, made oath that they would impartially appraise upon actual view in money the true value thereof of all such goods, chattels, lands and tenements, choses in action, rights, credits and subscription, as the within named applicants shall exhibit to them to make a schedule thereof and return the same to the Auditor of Ashland County.

R. D. FREER.
M. H. MANSFIELD.
J. O. JENNINGS.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this 20th day of Feb. 1878.

P. S. GROSSCUP,
Notary Public.

We, the undersigned appraisers above appointed, having been duly sworn, according to the law, and upon actual view of the credits and notes hereafter set forth, do say the following is the amount of the notes and the value in money this day presented to us by the applicants within named. Amount of Notes, etc., as shown in schedule, $19,182.50.

J. O. Jennings.
M. H. Mansfield.
R. D. Freer.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION FROM THE AUDITOR OF ASHLAND COUNTY.

I hereby certify that on the 20th day of Feb. 1878, H. K. Myers and others made application to me in writing to be incorporated as The Ashland College under the Act entitled an Act to enable the Trustees of Colleges, etc., to become bodies incorporate, as amended March 11, 1863.

Thereupon I appointed M. H. Mansfield, J. O. Jennings and R. D. Freer, three disinterested, judicious free holders of Ashland County, to appraise and make a schedule of the property, credits and subscriptions belonging to said Trustees or applicants, and that upon the 22nd of Feb. 1878, the said appraisers of the before named property, credits and subscriptions, made a return to me, under oath, of the amount of said credits and subscription, making a schedule of notes and subscriptions, as required by law, which schedule amounted in cash, to Nineteen Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-two and 50-100 Dollars, which sum is greater than for the commencement of such incorporations, as applicants desire. I hereby further certify that the provisions of said Act have been fully complied with, and that said applicants are hereby duly incorporated as The Ashland College.

Witness my hand and official seal.

W. S. ALBERSON, Auditor.
Ashland Co., Ohio.

Feb. 22nd, 1878.

Recorded in the County Record of Incorporations, Vol. 1, page 31–38, Feb. 27, 1878.

J. P. GOODMON, Recorder.
Ashland Co., Ohio.

Thus it is seen that in all the legal papers pertaining to the Charter of Ashland College, no church, not even the German Baptist, is at once in any way mentioned.

We now present a faithful copy of the several deeds upon which the building is located:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

That we, W. H. H. Potter and Catharine Potter, his wife, of the County of Ashland, State of Ohio, in consideration of the sum of twenty-nine hundred dollars, to us paid by the Trustees of the Ashland College of the County of Ashland, State of Ohio, have bargained and sold, and do hereby grant and convey unto the said Trustees of the Ashland College, their successors in office, and assigns, forever, the following premises, situated in the County of Ashland, in the State of Ohio, and in Montgomery Township and bounded and described as follows:

Lying, and being within the incorporated village of Ashland; bounded on the north by Bank street in said village; on the east by land now owned by Abram Myers and lately deeded by Henry Rockey to Z. Greenawald, William Osborne and others; on the south by land owned by the heirs of Martin Wolf, deceased, and on the west by the public road known as the King road. Containing fourteen acres more or less.

To have and to hold said premises, with the appurtenances, unto the said Trustees of the Ashland College, their successors in office and assigns in office and assigns forever.

And the said W. H. H. Potter and Catharine Potter, his wife, for themselves and their heirs, do hereby covenant with said Trustees of the Ashland College, their successors in office and assigns, that they are lawfully seized of the premises aforesaid; that said premises are free and clear from all incumbrances whatsoever, and that they will forever warrant and defend the same, with the appurtenances, unto the said Trustees of the Ashland College, their successors in office. and assigns, against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

In testimony whereof, the said W. H. H. Potter and Catharine Potter, his wife, have hereunto set their hands and seals, this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of C. J. Kenny, W. Osborn. } W. H. H. Potter, Seal. Catharine Potter, Seal.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, Abraham Myers, of the County of Ashland, State of Ohio, in consideration of the sum of eighteen hundred and seventy and 62-100 dollars, to me paid by Trustees of The Ashland College, of the County of Ashland, State of Ohio, have bargained and sold, and do hereby grant and convey unto the said Trustees of the Ashland College, their successors in office and assigns forever, the following premises, situated in the County of Ashland, in the State of Ohio, and in Montgomery township, and bounded and described as follows:

Being a part of the southeast quarter of Section number 18, township number 22, of range number 16, commencing at a post 20 feet west from the east line of said quarter and 10 chains and 16 links north (on a line parallel with said east line) from the south line of said quarter. Thence N ¼ E parallel with said east line of said quarter nine (9) chains and thirty-five (35) links to a post. Thence N 89° 55′ W nine (9) chains and seventy-eight (78) links to an iron pin at W. H. H. Potter's land. Thence S 89° 40′ E on a straight line with the south line of said Potter's land nine (9) chains and seventy-eight (78) links to the place of beginning, containing nine and 12½ hundreth (9 12½–100) acres of land. As surveyed by J. B. Weddell, Ashland County Surveyor, April 18, 1878.

To have and to hold said premises, with the appurtenances, unto the said Trustees of the Ashland College and their successors in office and assigns forever.